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SARAH MERRITT ASKS—

WHY GO TO BED?

By SARAH MERRITT

Why should people go to bed? Ain't worth it? In the first place, it's expensive! The bill for an average bedroom, taking everything within the four walls—furniture, bed clothes, rugs, and other necessities—totals about \$150. Sleeping calls for extra clothes, and you know how many are necessary to satisfy a woman! One would save the price of bed-time story books and alarm clocks, which are really essential if you plan to get to school on time (the alarm clocks, not the story books).

Laundering sheets costs \$.12 a week, and think of all the candy that would buy. Boy, sleeping is an unnecessary extravagance—look at all the money wasted!

Think, you would get through school in about eight years and at about fourteen instead of twenty-three or twenty-four. Another thing, you would feel better before you go to bed than after you get up; so if you never went to slumberland, you would be in a better mood all the time, and that would brighten up the community.

If we didn't have to spend half our precious time in bed, we'd make twice as much money on a job and have twice as much time to eat. One doesn't really know how much goes on while the innocent slumber. Women would have more time to talk, and drug stores and filling stations would make more money.

If you never slept, you wouldn't have to bother with getting ready for bed—and that is really a bother. And, if you never went to bed, then you wouldn't have to get up—that is still more of a bother. Phew! What we've gone through, what we've missed, and what we've wasted in time and money—just for a little sleep!

Post, Our Popular Rival, May Have Another Edition

It looks as if the HIGH SPOTS is running competition with THE FIRST PERIOD POST published by Mrs. Barber's first period English III class.

The first edition came off the press, March 19. Since it was a class project, it was financed by the school.

Every pupil in the class was required to write one article. The staff elected by pupils to supervise work was:

Editor-in-Chief — Barbara Wrenn
Managing Editor—William Johnson.

News Editor — Bill Hollingsworth.

Feature Editor—Sarah Merritt.
Sports Editor — Jimmy Miller
Business Manager — Joe Fowler
Copy Editors — Rachel Merritt and Ruth Leftwich.

THE POST also had features characteristic of a literary magazine: Biographies, poetry, reviews or radio programs and books, and short stories, besides columns, features, news, and sports of the regular newspaper.

Although the paper was mineographed, it has given juniors valuable experience in producing a paper.

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Annual Vocational Fortnight, Chapter II, In Full Swing

Chapter II of the vocational guidance program of MAHS got underway here Monday morning when Oscar Merritt spoke to students interested in becoming engineers.

Merritt's forum with juniors and seniors ushered the gigantic plan into its second year. Tomorrow morning, Miss Irene Corum will talk and demonstrate to MAHS' future beauticians at the Clarine Beauty Shop on Main Street. Mrs. Reid Jackson will meet with those interested in teaching, Thursday morning, April 3.

Only juniors and seniors and a few sophomores have been included in the spring program. Students listed preferences and will now hear talks on their selected professions by some qualified local leader in that field. Secretarial work passed nursing, 80-38, in the race for the most sought-after vocation.

Other speakers now scheduled are: Miss Sara Sykes, nursing; John Springthorpe, textile industry; Frank Smith, aeronautics; Russell Hiatt, radio, April 9; The Rev. Mr. E. T. Mickey, music; A. Clark Lackey, drafting; and Mr. Chase, telephone operation.

Roanoke Business College will supply either a speaker or data on business. Miss Hale will suggest some secretarial speaker at a later date.

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- April 11. Wayne Inman.
- April 12. Ray Mabe.
- April 13. Billie Browne.
- April 15. Mildred Eckenrod, Annie Tilly.
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- April 18. Jimmy Hadley.
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WRITER SUGGESTS CHANGES—

Vocational Program Is Only Information; Has No Guidance

EDITORIAL!

With the first returning birds from the south each spring comes our gigantic vocational guidance program. We're a step ahead of many Class "A" schools in the state, what with this enormous effort at helping six hundred young people chart their course through life. Again this year the program follows along the same lines of 1940.

MAHS students have listed on a little white card what occupation they prefer entering in later life. These students have been sectioned according to the vocations they have so designated. In some cases, they will hear identical speakers and the same facts they heard last spring.

But, it seems to us, the vocational guidance program is on the wrong track!

The trouble seems to be this: There is no guidance at all to the program. The students select their own vocations. Under this plan a boy half-blind could choose airplane flying as his future and could be allowed to build his hopes of someday piloting a great army bomber. Likewise, a girl who faints at the sight of blood could select nursing as her career. When she flopped in this profession, whose fault would it be?

We know of a case where a girl weighing 135 pounds and standing 5'8" wrote the words, "Airline Hostess," on the card. Now, while airline hostessing is a glamorous, well-paid (and overcrowded) profession, there are some very exacting require-

ments. Among them: Can't weigh over 120, can't be taller than 5'4", must be a registered nurse, must have well-developed personality and a pleasing disposition.

Our girl friend in this case was failing one subject, was on the borderline in two others, had never shown any aptitude toward nursing, had a grouchy disposition, and possessed a stagnant personality.

That's not an exceptional case. Such poor choices are legion.

Too, we believe, the guidance program comes too late, a few months prior to high school graduation. Would it not be more helpful if, beginning in the grammar grades, the teachers, through close personal contact and supervision, could discover the particular capabilities and aptitudes of pupils? Would it not write a better finish to the story of life for many a young boy or girl if they were guided correctly into the right field from the very beginning?

Right now, we're excluding sophomores and freshmen from the vocational program. If they could get some idea of where they're going to be ten years from now, wouldn't it be best for them to chart their high school courses accordingly? In many cases, for those juniors and seniors who won't go to college or special schools, it's already too late to make a choice.

What we have now is a vocational information program. What we need to get in double-quick time is a vocational guidance program.

SPORTS STOPWATCH



Eddie Fowler, this rag's enterprising ad manager who this month takes a fling at writing, suggested that we call the sports column "Satire and . . ." We hesitate to print that other word. Anyway, what he was driving at was that we are sorta sarcastic, satirical, and underhanded. Well, here's this month's satirical picture of the spring sports parade.

"The Eagles Gather"

Jimmie Harrison's golf team—they called it that last year, but ownership is mutual now, and Harrison isn't having much more to do with it, other than playing on it this year—has been turning in some scintillating performances in its everyday rounds. Within a ten-day span, the club set some sort of a record. Eddie Fowler sank a long iron shot for an eagle two on the par four, 410-yard ninth hole. Bill Glancy scored a hole-in-one at the 127-yard, par three third hole. Dutch Harrison got an ace at the identical hole. It looks anything but bad for the home team. Jimmie Miller has reported for golf. He played the no. 3 slot last season and went to the finals of the second flight of the Carolinas Junior last summer. The second year of stick-swinging as an authorized high school sport should be a successful one. But time out for one dirty dig. From the kind of golf the team played in its first match, it should be called the "Cowboys"—what with all the six-shooters. Every member of the golf squad is averaging 85 or better in every subject (a record lower than their first match scores), and the team finances itself without any school support or charging admission for matches.

With 223 points, Jimmie Miller,

ace guard, led the Granite Bear basketball scoring parade during the 1941 season. Clint Childress with 166 markers, George Sparger with 115 and Jack Folger with 101 followed . . . Foiger would not have topped the century mark had he not sunk a foul in the last minute of the last game . . . That was the final shot of the season for the Bears, who won 20 and lost four . . . Jim Miller was limited to three foul shots in the tourney opener—Mount Airy played in the third game and played in the afternoon only thereafter—and that marked the first time in a long cage career he hadn't dropped a field goal. . . . Then in the final game, his guard mate, Capt. Clint Childress was held completely scoreless for the first time this year . . . High scoring for MAHS was turned in by Sparger, with 16 in the first game; Childress, with 15 in the second; and Miller, with 10 in the finale . . . Tourney results were: MAHS, 42; Draper, 15. MAHS, 33; Flat Rock, 16. MAHS 20; Sherrill's Ford, 24. . . . Miller, Sparger, and Childress have played their last games here . . .

"Bruinette Blackout"

In the worst defeat of the Journal-Sentinel tourney, MAHS' girls were chopped down in the first round by semi-finalists and Northwest champions, Sedge Garden, 45-8. The team didn't get a shot at the basket for six minutes and Polly Timmons got the lone goal 15 seconds before the close of the first quarter . . . Pendleton played half the game with a broken finger . . . Singing their swan songs after a losing but happy season were Edith Midkiff, Margaret Steele, and Betty Lou Britt, Miss Lassiter's only three lettermen when the year began . . .

Gymnasium Will Be More Than Gymnasium

Whether you think it's a pretty good idea or not, it looks very much like Mount Airy high school, when it gets this gym the HIGH SPOTS has been pleading for, is going to get more than a gym—it's going to get a huge vocational building.

Still keeping most of the information off the record, but using the little that has trickled through, we believe now that what is in the offing will be what we really need most—a vocational building.

So we're going to throw the gym drive in reverse and join the line on the left—the one favoring this super-structure.

The building would be something like that first suggested by the HIGH SPOTS, with a gym floor, lockers, office, Home Ec lab, manual training department—a metal and electricity division and a woodwork shop,—and a HIGH SPOTS news room and printing shop.

We suggested a building of this type in November, but because we called it a gymnasium drive, folks began to fall in line with the idea that we need only a gymnasium. We began to believe, ourselves, that a gym was all we needed.

But we're enlarging on our original idea now and predicting a building that will take care of a much enlarged program.

However, we believe the gym drive has served as an excellent springboard for arousing enthusiasm among the public.

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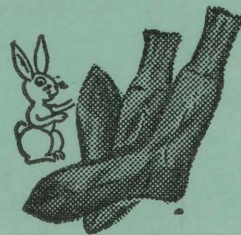
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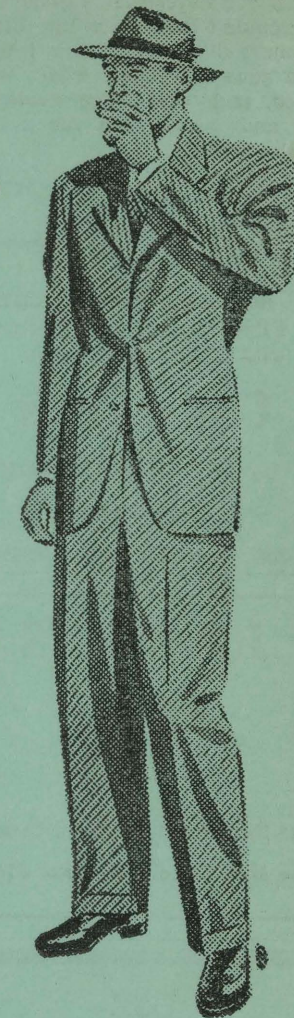
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